




THINK FOOD
School Nutrition Programs
Shipment 5
November 2010

FFAVORS UPDATE

Everyone should be using the FFavors Web site for placing orders for your Department of Defense (DoD) fresh fruits and vegetables program.

It is no longer necessary to fax your invoices or final buy reports to the OPI School Nutrition Programs office. All information regarding the receipt of your orders is done by you in the FFavors program.

If your order is long or short you will need to go  back into the FFavors system and edit your order. When you make the adjustment and re-submit the order the change will be made to your entitlement and the amount will reflect what was actually received.



USDA FOODS UPDATE

The USDA has cancelled two truckloads of Mixed Fruit that

was due to be received in December and January. There will be no Mixed Fruit on Shipment 9 as previously scheduled.

The Wild Blueberries and the Turkey Roasts on Shipment 6 have not been purchased by the USDA due to shortages and high pricing. Also, the Diced Chicken delivery was moved to December so it will not be here in time for Shipment 6.

Items that may be used to replace these items are Chicken Pattie Tenders, Charbroiled Beef Patties and Strawberry Cups. Items shipped will depend on availability in the warehouse closer to the time of shipment.

PROCESSED FOODS

If your school purchased bulk products for further processing you must purchase the products that you want your USDA bulk product made into.

Following is a list of the companies and the USDA Foods that they process:

ConAgra - Mozzarella Cheese

King's Command - Beef

Los Cabos - Cheddar Cheese

Schwan's - Mozzarella Cheese

Simplot - Potatoes

Smuckers - Peanut Butter

Tyson - Chicken



The cheddar cheese at Los Cabos and the mozzarella cheese at Schwan's are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are available to all schools. To receive your rebate from Los Cabos the enclosed eRebate, form along with copies of your invoices, must be sent to Los Cabos. Schwan's purchases will be forwarded by your distributor electronically to Schwan's and rebate checks will be mailed to you automatically.

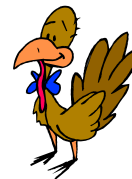
Specific amounts of all other USDA bulk foods were ordered by you and shipped to the respective companies on your behalf.

TURKEY ROAST UPDATE

A recent memo from the USDA suggests that due to reduced

production, increased consumer demand and exports, turkey inventories have declined and prices are much higher than last year.

The USDA will announce one last Turkey Roast invitation, but if there are no bids, all orders will be cancelled.



EAT MORE BEEF!

USDA FOODS IMPROVEMENTS

The USDA continues to make improvements to USDA Foods to align them with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Currently, processed cheese purchased by the USDA contains 422 mg of sodium per ounce, and blended cheese contains 450 mg of sodium per ounce.

Beginning in the 2011-12 school year the USDA will reduce the sodium levels in processed and blended cheeses to between 200 and 300 milligrams per one-ounce serving.

